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## **BY ECF**

Hon. Katherine Polk Failla United States District Court Southern District of New York 40 Foley Square New York, NY 10007

Re: P.B. *et al.*, v. NY City Dep't of Educ., 17-cv-06470 (KPF)

Joint request to adjourn the initial pretrial conference

Dear Judge Failla:

I am the attorney assigned to represent defendant, the New York City Department of Education, in the above-referenced action. I write on behalf of both parties to respectfully request an adjournment of the initial pretrial conference scheduled for November 30, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. for approximately 30 days to allow the parties to seek to resolve Plaintiffs' claims without the Court's intervention and to minimize having Plaintiffs' counsel incur additional fees. The parties are available December 27-29, 2017 or a later date that is convenient to the Court. This is the parties' first request for an adjournment.

After conducting a review of the underlying administrative case for which Plaintiffs seek attorneys' fees, as well as counsel's billing records, the Law Department has obtained authority to settle Plaintiffs' claims and made an initial offer of settlement earlier today. The parties are now attempting to negotiate and document a full settlement.

The parties are hopeful that they will be able to reach a settlement of the case within the next 30 days. The parties will immediately apprise the Court if they reach a settlement, or if a settlement conference would be of assistance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

<u>s/ Lana Koroleva</u>Lana KorolevaCounsel for Defendant

s/ Gary S. Mayerson
Gary S. Mayerson
Counsel for Plaintiffs

Application GRANTED. The initial pretrial conference, previously scheduled for November 30, 2017, at 2:00 p.m., is hereby ADJOURNED until **December 28, 2017, at 2:00 p.m.**, in Courtroom 618 of the Thurgood Marshall Courthouse, 40 Foley Square, New York, New York.

Dated: November 27, 2017

New York, New York

SO ORDERED.

HON. KATHERINE POLK FAILLA UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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